UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

| APPLICATION NO.  | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO. |
|--|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 10/550,060   | 09/21/2005  | Denis Jean-Francois  | 4590-444            | 5757             |
| LOWE HAUPTMAN HAM & BERNER, LLP<br>1700 DIAGONAL ROAD, SUITE 300<br>ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314 |             |                      | EXAMINER            |                  |
|  |             |                      | CHAMBERS, TROY      |                  |
|  |             |                      | ART UNIT            | PAPER NUMBER     |
|  |             |                      | 3641                |                  |
|  |             |                      |                     |                  |
|  |             |                      | MAIL DATE           | DELIVERY MODE    |
|  |             |                      | 08/18/2009          | PAPER            |

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Application/Control Number: 10/550,060 Page 2

Art Unit: 3641

## **DETAILED ACTION**

1. The reply filed on 05/12/2009 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): On 10/02/2008, the examiner requested support for each limitation. With respect to at least claim 21, applicant has not identified the short rigid connection or the loose connection. In fact, the specification does not even mention the term "loose". Applicant is to provide the reference number for each structural element. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

## Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Troy Chambers whose telephone number is 571-272-6874 and whose email address is troy.chambers@uspto.gov. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8 am to 4 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael J. Carone, can be reached on 571-272-6873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for

Application/Control Number: 10/550,060 Page 3

Art Unit: 3641

published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR.

Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only.

For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

/Troy Chambers/ Primary Examiner Art Unit 3641

tc

08/17/2009